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House Bill _____
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Senate No. SJR0083
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A RESOLUTION to honor Mayor Victor Ashe on his election as
President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has deemed it appropriate to recognize those Tennesseans who, by their exemplary service to their communities and their outstanding leadership abilities, have gone far beyond the scope of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional skills and talents of Mayor Victor Ashe have elevated him to a pinnacle of professional success; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1994, by unanimous vote, Mayor Victor Ashe was elected as president of the United States Conference of Mayors where he represents 1100 cities with populations of more than 30,000; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Yale University and the University of Tennessee School of Law, Mayor Ashe has dedicated his life to public service. He was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1968 at the age of 23, where he meritoriously served for six years before his election to the State Senate, where he served for nine years; and

WHEREAS, known for his deep concern for environmental issues, in September of 1984, he was appointed executive director of the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors where he served with diligence until January of 1987; and

WHEREAS, following his service on the President's Commission, Mayor Ashe returned to Knoxville where he began his successful 1987 campaign for mayor; he took office on January 1, 1988 and was subsequently re-elected in 1991, winning with an enormous seventy-three percent of the vote; and

WHEREAS, working relentlessly to address serious environmental problems, Mayor Ashe has initiated efforts to combat the city's solid waste problem and improve water quality in the Tennessee River, which flows through the heart of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, his way of serving Knoxville includes holding regular public meetings and monthly door-to-door walks through various neighborhoods, expressing his compassion for the concerns of his many constituents; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ashe sagaciously serves on the board of directors of the National League of Cities and as the vice president of the Tennessee Municipal League; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Mayor Victor Ashe on his election as president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and commend him for his exemplary service to Knoxville and the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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